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NARCOTICS

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1. SUMMARY. THIRD COMITE ON MORNING NOV 29 OVERWHELMINGLY ADOPTED THREE RESES CONCERNED WITH DRUG ABUSE COSPONSORED BY US. FIRST RES, PROPOSED BY AFGHANISTAN ON "ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN FIELD OF NARCOTICS CONTROL" ADOPTED 89-0-8. SECOND RES, PROPOSED BY USG ON "SUPPORT FOR AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL" ADOPTED 91-0-8. THIRD RES PROPOSED BY USG ON "ACCESSION TO DRUG CONTROL TREATIES" ADOPTED
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93-0-9. ALL ABSTAINERS WERE SOVIET BLOC MEMBERS. SUPPORT

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FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION AGAINST ILLICIT DRUGS VOICED BY
11 DELS DURING DEBATE, INCLUDING PRC. TURKISH STATEMENT,
IN CONTEXT OF GOT EFFORTS AMELIORATE HARDSHIP IMPOSED BY
OPIUM BAN SUGGESTED THAT IN "FINDING MORE SATISFACTORY
ANSWERS AND PRAGMATIC SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM THE QUESTIONS
INVOLVED CAN CERTAINLY BE REVIEWED OR REVISED." REPRESENTATIVE
JOHN H. BUCHANAN DELIVERED US STATEMENT ON "VITAL IMPORTANCE
OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN DRUG CONTROL." END SUMMARY.

2. AFGHAN DEL ACCEPTED ORIGINAL US SUGGESTION (REF A, PARA 4)
ALTERING FOURTH PREAMBULAR PARA AFGHAN RES (L.2083)
TO READ "TO ASSIST TO ESTABLISH NEW ADEQUATE SOURCES OF
REVENUE." BRAZIL AND MADAGASCAR PROPOSED MINOR TEXTUAL CHANGES
AND LIBERIA T REQUEST US DEL PROPOSED AMENDMENT APPEALING
TO INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO CONTRIBUTE
TO FUND DESIRED BY USG (REF B, PARA 2). ALL WERE ACCEPTED
BY COSPONSORS AND ADOPTED. FINAL LIST COSPONSORS CONSISTED
AFGHANISTAN, INDONESIA, IRAN, LAOS, MOROCCO, PAKISTAN,
THAILAND, TURKEY, US AND YUGOSLAVIA.

3. US RES ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFDAC (REF C, PARA 3)
COSPONSORED BY AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, CANADA, DENMARK, FRANCE,
IRAN, ITALY, JAPAN, LIBERIA, MEXICO, MOROCCO, NORWAY,
PHILIPPINES, TURKEY AND US WAS ADOPTED INTACT.

4. US RES IN ACCESSION DRUG CONTROL TREATIES (REF C,
PARA 2) COSPONSORED BY BRAZIL, COSTA RICA, DENMARK, FRANCE,
HONDURAS, JAPAN, LIBERIA, MEXICO, NORWAY, TURKEY AND US.
TURKISH AMENDMENT URGING RATIFICATION OF PSYCHOTROPIC
CONVENTION BY GOVERNMENTS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE MANUFACTURE
OF PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES, INCLUDING US SUGGESTED CHANGES
(REF D), APPROVED BY COSPONSORS AND INCORPORATED IN FINAL
TEXT.

5. PRC DEL REFERRED TO OWN DOMESTIC ACTION AGAINST OPIUM,
NOTED SERIOUSNESS OF DRUG PROBLEM IN SOME COUNTRIES AND
RECOGNIZED NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO ELIMINATE
ILLICIT DRUGS. PRC ANNOUNCED SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN RES ON
ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND US RES ON UNFDAC, BUT
ABSTAINED ON US RES ON ACCESSION TO TREATIES UNTIL PRC
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COMPLETES STUDY CONCERNING ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD TREATIES.

6. STATEMENT OF TURKISH DEL EMPHASIZED HARDSHIP IMPOSED BY
OPIUM BAN AND DESCRIBED ACTIONS OF GOT TO ENCOURAGE
SUBSTITUTE CORPS. IT NOTED PROBLEMS STILL REMAIN WHICH TURKEY
HAS TO SOLVE AND OBSERVED THAT "WITH A VIEW TO FINDING MORE
SATISFACTORY ANSWERS AND PRAGMATIC SOLUTIONS . . .
THE QUESTIONS INVOLVED CAN CERTAINLY BE REVIEWED OR REVISED."

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IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION, TURKISH DEL MR. SOYLEMEZ STATED THIS COMMMENT MUST BE VIEWED IN CONTEXT OF ENTIRE SPEECH HIGHLIGHTING EFFORTS TAKEN BY GOT IN RESOLVING PROBLEMS CREATED BY OPIUM BAN. (TEXT POUCHED IO/HDC.)

7. IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE, CUBA IN LOW-KEY STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED ABSTENTIONS ON AFGHAN RES AND US RES ON UNFDAC TO RESERVATIONS CONCERNING THE FUND AND ITS PROGRAMS. IT ABSTAINED ON US RES CONCERNING ACCESSION TO CONVENTIONS ON GROUNDS SINGLE CONVENTION, TO WHICH IT IS SIGNATORY, IS SUFFICIENT AND OTHER CONVENTIONS NOT NEEDED.

8. AN EARLY AND IMPORTANT COSPONSOR OF BOTH US RESES WAS DEL OF MOROCCO (WARZAZI) WHO INFORMED REP BUCHANAN AT CONCLUSION OF DEBATE THAT THIS WAS FIRST TIME IN HER UN CAREER THAT SHE HAD EVER COSPONSORED ANY US RES.

9. COMMENT: US DEL SOMEWHAT SURPRISED AND WELL PLEASED WITH UNANIMITY OF FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO US INITIATIVES SHOWING THAT CONTINUING US EFFORTS TO MAKE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AWARE OF DRUG MENACE ARE ACHIEVING RESULTS. DEPT'S PRELIMINARY GOUNDWORK, FLEXIBILITY DURING COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS IN THIRD COMITE WITH AFGHANISTAN AND TURKEY, PLUS WILLINGNESS TO ASSIGN LOUIS CAVANAUGH ON TDY TO ASSIST US DEL, TOGETHER WITH USEFUL INFORMATION REGARDING AFGHAN DEL'S NEGOTIATING LATITUDE PROVIDED BY EMBASSY KABUL AND WORK OF REP BUCHANAN, ALL CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME.
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